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METHOD, AND IMAGE	)	
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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed, together with its English-language abstract, is enclosed.

JP 8-340338 JP 9-027814

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated September 8, 2006, is enclosed.

In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each

document in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication

from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months

prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form

an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed

invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has

been considered by initialing and returning a copy of the attached Form PTO-1449.

Inasmuch as this application has been allowed, this Information Disclosure

Statement is accompanied by the requisite \$180.00 fee. Furthermore, expedited treatment

of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the issue fee for

this application is due on February 14, 2007.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA

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